

Sierra Vista Visions

August 16, 2026

August Birthdays still left

Evie Hansen	8/20
Joe Aldrich	8/23
Samuel Rodman	8/26
Karen Larison	8/27
Stuart Albonico	8/30

September Birthdays

Addison Frost	9/2
Zenin Gallegos	9/6
Sharon Westerhold	9/11
Wesley Janes	9/12
Luke Sanford	9/13
Tom Brunt	9/21
Alivia Luckie	9/24
Jude Luckie	9/26
Jarred Torres	9/29
Jan Montana	9/29

September Anniversaries

Juile & Dale Hall	9/2
Amrit & Megan Aristimuno	9/18
Joseph Barnett & Emily DeArmon	9/21

If you have birthdays or anniversaries you would like to have listed text Jan Montana at 714-724-6991.

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Special Notice

We will not be able to continue having picnics or any of our other activities unless new people step up to be on the SVENA board or any of its committees. Several people who have been planning the activities for many, many years will be retiring from that volunteer board. We need new people with new ideas. This is a chance to contribute and shape the neighborhood activities to suit your family's needs. Young people with children have a special feel for the value of community standing together to add value to what would otherwise be just houses with people who are all on their own. Please help keep us a community of caring and connected people by volunteering to be on the board. If you are interested in helping in any way or have questions, come to the next board meeting on Monday, September 7th at 7pm.

Elections will be at 12:30 pm on Sunday 9/13 in Milly's Meadow, followed at 1 o'clock pm by the annual picnic.

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Neighborhood News

Several board members are retiring.

Unless people volunteer for the SVENA board we will not be able to continue having the picnics and other activities. Several people who have been doing it for many, many years will be retiring from that volunteer activity. We need new people with new ideas. If you are interested in helping in any way or have questions, come to the next board meeting on Monday, September 7th at 7pm. Board member elections will be at 12:30 pm on Sunday, 9/13 in Milly's Meadow.

How to get Neighborhood Communications

You used to get water related email from Rhonda's personal email account at gr8mtngirl, but she is now using the official svmdaadmin@svmda.com account. You used to get the newsletter from Karen Larison's personal email address, but now it comes from the official svena.nm@gmail.com. **Go into your email settings to allow water related emails from svmdaadmin@svmda.com and allow SVENA emails from svena.nm@gmail.com.**

Neighborhood Chat

We have a neighborhood chat. We encourage you to please sign up for the chat if you haven't yet. It's the fastest way to let people know your dogs got out, or to give and get recommendations about trusted house cleaners or handymen, plumbers, etc. You can look at previous recommendations by category. You can send and receive neighborhood chats via Sierra-Vista-Chat@groups.io by using email. See instructions below.

To subscribe, email Sierra-Vista-Chat+subscribe@groups.io and follow the instructions that will be mailed to you. Once you are signed up you will automatically get chats from only our neighborhood in your email inbox.

To unsubscribe, email Sierra-Vista-Chat+unsubscribe@groups.io

For support, send email to our neighbor who set up the chat, marcus.albonico@gmail.com

Check out our water board web site at svmda.com.

It has useful information and links, including courtesy links to previous SVENA newsletters.

2026 remaining scheduled activities

September	
Sunday 9/13 th	Annual Picnic & SVENA Annual Meeting & Election of Board Members
	12:30pm Election of new board members at the SVENA Annual Meeting in Milly's Meadow. This is how we keep the neighborhood events happening.
	1pm Annual Picnic. This is a crowd pleaser. The SVENA board will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, tea and lemonade. Joseph Barnett, SVENA Treasurer, will bring his grill. Please bring side dishes and desserts to share. Bring games for children if you have them.
Sunday 9/20	Arts and Crafts Fair at Milly's Meadow from noon – 5 pm
	This year the SVENA board is holding our neighborhood Arts and Crafts Fair in Milly's Meadow to coincide with the first Sunday of the Turquoise Trail Studio Tour On 9/20. We need a volunteer to put a sign down on N 14. If it rains on the 20 th we will do Sunday the 27 th instead.
October	
Saturday/Sunday 10/17 & 10/18	Neighborhood Yard Sale 8am -2 pm We will have signs on N14 and signs or balloons for each home that wants them.
November	No neighborhood social events at this time.
December	
Saturday 12/19	Festival of Trees at Milly's Meadow 5 pm - 7 pm
	The SVENA board will provide hot chocolate and hot cider, and probably a Solo stove with firewood for warmth. This year we will have a neighborhood tree that everyone can hang ornaments and solar lights on if they don't want to decorate an entire tree. Anyone can still do a family tree if they want. Decorating starts the day after Thanksgiving.
Date TBD	Christmas Caroling
	Julie Hall will lead anyone who wants to sing. They will stop and sing outside the homes of people who have their porch or outside light on.

SVMDA Water System News

Our Water System web site is at svmda.com.

This web site has information on this page plus water links and courtesy links to past SVENA newsletters.



Construction of new water lines

We are hoping construction can begin in late August or early September. We have awarded the bid to AUI. Our timeline until new distribution lines are completed is approximately 2.5 years, depending on the amount of rock that needs to be excavated and on the weather.

Track your water usage and get leak alerts via the free EyeOnWater App

Homeowners can install the free EyeOnWater app on their cell phone to keep track of the amount of water their property is using. Installing the app does not obligate you to anything. EyeOnWater also alerts any homeowner who downloads the app, sets up an account, and clicks the Leak Alert link to sign up for alerts. You will get an email alert anytime your home has a water leak anywhere past the meter – that is, somewhere in their house/yard or in the line between the house and the water meter.

You can see current and historical data on your water usage by the hour, day, week, month, etc. and get alerts about leaks on your property. EyeOnWater is a software app owned by Badger Meter Inc, who we have contracted to provide us with technical information about our system's water usage. It will allow us to locate potential leaks in our future new distribution lines down to a certain section of line.

Get our water bill via email for free instead of getting a postcard

You can sign up to get your bill by email free from SOFTWater. You can still pay your bill whatever way you did in the past at no charge. Signing up to get the bill via email does not mean you have to use their software to pay your bill. Instructions for signing up to get a bill via email are on your postcard bill.

Optional: Pay your water bill online for a \$5.00 fee

You can use the SOFTWater website to pay your bill online for a fee (currently \$5.00 each time you pay online). You don't need to use this software to pay your bill, but some people prefer it. You can still pay your bill by sending a check to SVMDA or by setting up payments within your bank's online bill paying system.

Safety – Please Read

Bears

Put **garbage cans** curbside for pickup on Tuesday morning, not Monday night. At all other times keep garbage cans inside your garage. We invite trouble with bears if we leave garbage out where they can get to it. Bears who need to be relocated because of citizen complaints often end up euthanized after attempts to relocate them.

Put your **birdfeeders** inside before sunset every day. Bears can smell the birdfeeders even when they are empty. **Barbeque grills** with grease or sauce not cleaned off the grill also attract bears into our yards.

Here is an official brochure put out by NM Fish and Wildlife about Living With Bears
<https://read.dgf.nm.gov/hubfs/Keeping-Bears-Alive-and-You-Safe%.pdf>. Another good source is Bearwise (Information You Can Trust. Solutions That Work. Helping People, Businesses and Communities Coexist with Bears) t
<https://bearwise.org/>.

Wildfire

Be prepared. Make plans for the safety of your family and pets. Rehearse family plans. See how long it takes to load into the car and leave. It's easy to guess it's faster than it really is. Leave before the official order to leave, which may come only minutes before it is too late.

Talk to other drivers in your family about speeding and stopping at the stop sign

Heads of families, please talk with your other family drivers. Ask if they stop completely at the "Y" stop sign and if not, why not? Ask if they keep to the 15-mph speed limit that applies to every stretch of every single road in the neighborhood. People are complaining that they often see drivers speeding even more on the straighter stretches of road. This is a safety concern that really bothers many people who live here. We all would be horrified if any person or a pet was injured by a speeding driver. It would also have serious consequences in their lives.

Commercial drivers – construction, UPS, Fedex

Soon we will have workers on our roads installing new water lines.

Give anyone you see speeding the slow down sign.

**How to Reserve Milly's Meadow for Family or Group Events**

Neighbors can reserve Milly's Meadow for events such as weddings, birthday parties, graduation parties, reunions, etc. There is no charge. Whoever is holding the event becomes the responsible person and must put a sign on the gates and be there for the duration of the event and cleanup. To reserve an event please email svena.nm@gmail.com and put "Milly's Meadow Event" in the subject line. Give the date and time of your event, the type of event it is, which part of Milly's Meadow you would like to reserve, your name, address, and phone number. For more details see your SVENA Welcome Packet.

The other parts of Milly's Meadow remain open for the routine use of our neighbors during reserved events. Please be considerate and respect the reserved activity going on in one part of Milly's Meadow.

Scheduled SVENA events are advertised in advance in the neighborhood newsletter Sierra Vista Visions, which is emailed to all residents around the 15th of each month. Upcoming events are also posted on the bulletin board in the meadow and notifications are sent to your email. Previous editions of this newsletter have detailed help on how to make sure that you are not left out and actually get the email.

See a scheduled SVENA event happening you didn't know about?

If you are walking by Milly's Meadow, and see an event that you didn't know about, the signs on the gates will say SVENA if it is a SVENA event. Feel welcome to walk in on the spur of the moment and find out what is going on. If it is a personal event, there will also be signs on the gates but the signs will not say SVENA.

July 2026 Weather

Compiled by Martin Matlack

DATE	HIGH TEMP	LOW TEMP	RAIN	RAIN RATE	HIGH WIND			
7/1/2026	82.1	53.9	0		ND			
7/2/2026	83	55.9	0		ND			
7/3/2026	84.8	59.9	0		ND			
7/4/2026	86.6	60.4	0		ND			
7/5/2026	86.1	58	0		ND			
7/6/2026	85.6	51	0		ND			
7/7/2026	84.5	57.5	0.01		ND			
7/8/2026	87.2	57.8	0.09	0.07	ND			
7/9/2026	90.8	58.8	0		ND			
7/10/2026	91.9	66.3	0		ND			
7/11/2026	87	54.9	0		ND			
7/12/2026	83.2	55.4	0		ND			
7/13/2026	82.1	51.8	0		ND			
7/14/2026	82.6	54.4	0.48	3.29	ND			
7/15/2026	80.7	52.7	0.15	1.82	ND			
7/16/2026	82.1	51.3	0.22	2.81	ND			
7/17/2026	77.8	53.7	0.04	0.14	ND			
7/18/2026	80.7	54.7	0.34	1.66	ND			
7/19/2026	80.4	54.6	0.02	0.07	ND			
7/20/2026	81.8	58.7	0		ND			
7/21/2026	79.1	59.6	0		ND			
7/22/2026	85.1	58.3	0		ND			
7/23/2026	84.8	59	0.02	0.07	ND			
7/24/2026	91.2	63.3	0		ND			
7/25/2026	84.8	62.6	0		ND			
7/26/2026	86.4	60.8	0		ND			
7/27/2026	93.8	60.8	0		ND			
7/28/2026	90.1	56.8	0.8	3.05	ND			
7/29/2026	87	56.5	0		ND			
7/30/2026	90.8	59.4	0		ND			
7/31/2026	88.6	60.8	0		ND			
	HIGH 93.8	LOW 51	TOTAL 2.20					
	TOTAL RAIN YTD 6.38"							
	RAINFALL RATE IS INCHES/HR							

Weather Links

Main web page: <https://www.weather.gov/abq/>

Fire weather page: <https://www.weather.gov/abq/forecasts-fireweather>

Red Flag Data page: <https://www.weather.gov/abq/forecasts-fireweather-dss>

Weather Planner page: <https://forecast.weather.gov/wxplanner.php?site=abq>



SVENA Member Business Cards

Please remember to keep your business card updated. Please email new or updated business cards to karenlarison@yahoo.com.



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Water Related Contacts

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Operator Mike Butler 505-228-6233	Contact Mike for distribution line leaks, water line breaks, and other emergencies, or if you need a key to get into your water meter and shut off water to your property.
SVMDA President, Hickory Adams Hickory@waneidesigns.com	Contact Hickory for other questions about SVMDA

Social Contacts

SVENA, Sierra Vista Estates Neighborhood Association

Email SVENA at svena.nm@gmail.com , The SVENA President handles neighborhood communication, including reserving Milly's Meadow, from this email address. Some specific committee contacts are listed below.
Wildfire Preparedness Committee call Ruben Montana at 714-402-5952.
Milly's Meadow message board. If you want to post flyers/notices on the message board in Milly's Meadow contact Jan Montana at 714-724-6991 or Ruben Montana at 714-402-5952
Newsletter email svena.nm@gmail.com with subject line "Newsletter."
Get quick help or help others use the Sierra Vista Estates Chat Join the neighborhood chat for quick, informal help—report lost pets, ask for recommendations for local businesses, or discuss shared concerns like pine bark beetles or whether the hairpin curve on Sangre de Cristo is passable with ice and snow. To subscribe, email Sierra-Vista-Chat+subscribe@groups.io and follow the instructions To unsubscribe, email Sierra-Vista-Chat+unsubscribe@groups.io For questions or support, contact our neighbor who set up the chat, marcus.albonico@gmail.com